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Sheppard from Bissell

Matter discussed w/Gen Flickinger who feels bio-med payload should go as scheduled. Since this payload involved mice as opposed to primates I support this view.

Also it is felt that a decision not to orbit a biomedical payload at this time would seriously jeopardize the program from a security and cover point of view.



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(by Murphy) 3 Apr 1959

Ref: Recovered COR capsule handling.

A continuation here of discussion of the ref subj along lines taken at 19 March mtg have resulted in foll conclusion. Proj Hqs has decided that responsibility for capsule handling shld be delegated to BMD until delivery of the recovery capsule within the West Coast facilities of LMSD. Proj Hqs wld then assume responsibility at this point and deliver the kpackage to the processor. The above plan wld be consistent with our cover story and would provide adequate security for the capsule.

Consideration shld be given to the foll items when making plans for BMD handling during this phase of the opn:

a. Secure storage at Hawaii.

b. Rapid transportation to WC either via RC 121 or

MATS. Arrangements shld be made to delay a MATS flt if necessary. [Redacted] Believe you have this authority per priority originally given WS 117L by USAF.

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c. Use of a TS cleared mil off in uniform as a courier. We suggest it is better to use a courier that is not COR cleared. If the courier was not knowledgeable he could not accidentally give anything away to the press by actions or words.

d. Secure handling from WC airport to LMSD facilities (probably Sunnyvale).

Request comments on above.